もう決して離れないから　僕は…
TURN YOU
二人

Previously in CH12

Sorry, Mudi, not worth it.
We already have one werewolf.
Not adding 'nother one ta this earth.
Pull yer damn investments if ye want.

Well, this was a trip wasted.
Sorry Ella, can't do it.
Wait, you're just gonna give up like that?

. . . all the money in the world wouldn't get that girl to change her mind.
You were Zeich's body before this whole thing.
If he's okay living through you, maybe that's all he really needs.
I feel like I failed you.

Don't be upset, Ella. Mudi is right.
With you, I am happy, body or not.
What would make me happy is to continue being with you.

Get out of Little Miss's house!

1 year later
Mudi paid off Little Miss's damage bills for me because she wouldn't fork over a new body for Zeich.
I continued doing art. Yeah, I never did move out of this place. And I never got a new job.
And so... life continued on.
2 years later
But why bother when life is comfortable and things are working out for you?
Zeich and I had a new tradition of sitting out on the balcony, listening to Tatsuro Yamashita while sipping on tea and watching the colours of the sky change at the end of the day.
愛が深いとこんなにも悲しい
Tessa ended up moving to their girlfriend's house this year.
6 years later
I visit them sometimes, but it's been a few years since my last visit.
But I'm doing fine. I have Zeich.
10 years later
As usual, there were days where he got hurt, just like me. Whether when in my room, or running around outside, getting caught on sharp objects... It's bound to happen.
A piece of latex here, a couple of hours there, and he'd be on the way to healing, and we'd get back to business.
Until that stopped happening.

Age 40
Whew Zeich... I'm not as fast as I used to be.
But you make me feel young again every time I wear you.
Every time is the best time, young or old.
Got a lot of scratches this time around... huh.
Maybe we need to take it easier next time around?
Do yer thing.

Hours later
Zeich...
This hasn't merged all the way.
Normally it's done by now.
My... body isn't integrating it as well as it used to.
The healing process is still happening.
I just need more time.
Maybe it was just part of Zeich getting older.
It happens to all of us.
But we made sure to take it easy so he didn't get more wounds in the future.
Zeich goes into dormancy whenever the full moon is near. If he was awake now...
Would it tear him apart past the point of recovery?
2 years later
But now, he's tearing just by pulling.
By me putting him on.
A-AH!
RRRIP
What?? What happened?
I'm being torn apart....

Little Miss disappeared... and her ranch of latex animals was nowhere to be found.

Mudi and I speculated on what could have happened to her.

Maybe a latex animal finally overpowered her and released the others...

But, who knows?

Mudi and I have become close friends over the years and he eventually moved closer.

Since, as far as he knew, he and I were the only ones who shared werewolf problems.

(The news says otherwise, but...)

Without a body of their own to manage their production of latex and other things related to maintenance of their skin, I'm afraid this is the result.

As they age, the skin gets thinner and unable to support its own.

I'm witnessing this in my own suits as well.

My favourite suit, the dog suit, is experiencing what Zeich is experiencng.

Since it's an older suit, the issues are more advanced than Zeich's.

Mudi's dog suit

What can I do to fix it?

You can't. Things age, things decay.

But... Zeich has... always been with me.

What I did was let the suit go into dormancy.

When they're not 'awake', it slows down the degrading of the skin somehow.

Hibernation, I guess.

Also, lubing their skin. You may have noticed Zeich doesn't produce as much shine as he used to.

That's another symptom.

Yes. He's one suit I'm grateful to have met.

Keeping them oiled, even when hibernating, helps slow it down.

That'd...

You can enjoy the time he has left, or prolong it so that you see him at the end of yours.

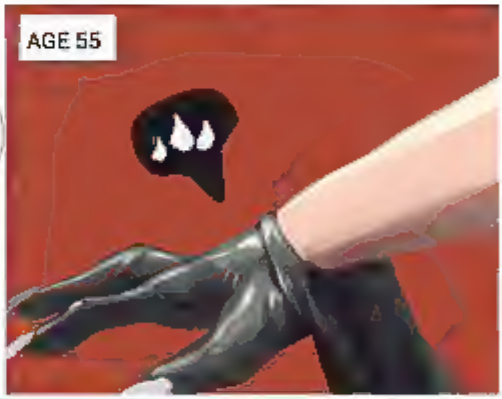
I did as Mudi said. I let him sleep.

I would wake him at least once a week, and he'd be just as happy to see me.

But it put a strain on him, I could tell.

He struggled a bit harder, took a bit longer, to wake up each time.

So the next time I woke him, I told him.



Maybe... maybe we should go longer between seeing each other.
I woke him once every six months. Seems like a long time to spend away from your friend.
While we're worlds apart in time,, we're still together in spirit.
I can tell it's getting harder for you.
Can we go to the flowering fields today?
Sure. I hope they're still in season.
They weren't. Oh well. We watched the world anyway.
I know we talked about this a long time ago... but maybe we should reconsider that fusing thing now.
No. I don't want to lose you. You've seen Little Miss.
She wasn't exactly all there in the head. As you'd say.

All this time, Zeich has been helping me in ways I never realised.

It's alright. This time I'll take care of you.

Age 65

It's really taking a toll on him. He's like an old man.

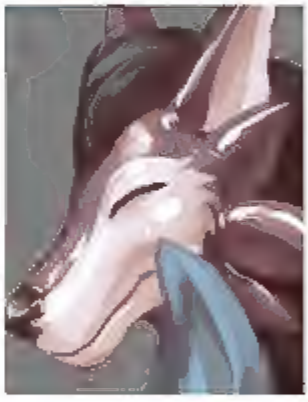
Can't remember where he is or what's going on, but he takes one look at my face and he remembers.

I feed him just like I used to, and he perks up, and he's happy to be there, and there's no place I'd rather be.

Love ya...

I missed hearing your voice.

I am lucky in that I never have to go a day without hearing yours.



Age 80

Mudi said I may have the-- the thing.

I don't believe him. I don't need help.

I've taken care of myself this long.

My list of...things is getting... I don't remember.

But the art is done when I wake up.

Mudi keeps trying to... get me to go. Somewhere.

I don't want to.

He gave me Zeich. But I woke him up a while ago.

While ago. Like a week?

But Mudi said no, it'd been over two years.

GROAN

Who are you?

What are you talk ng about?

We just spoke a week ago

I don't

Where am I?

Ella, told you again and again that you need to wake him up at least once a year

Or he'd lose his memory!

said I did already!

I don t know why m crying.

Even if you can t remember we re still doing what we always do

Even if we can t do it the way we used to

I'm coming with you

No, you're going to ruin it with your old man farts.

The shit I have to deal with.

d like to experience what you do with your suit so that can give mine the same experience So that t can be happy

Even though t passed over five years ago

Ohhhh.

I can ive with that.

stopped caring about the the things. People.

put on the y'know the... th ng that does the, y'know the hiding thing that you know your put iton and it does the thing.

People can give you weird looks but whatever

The smells bring back memories

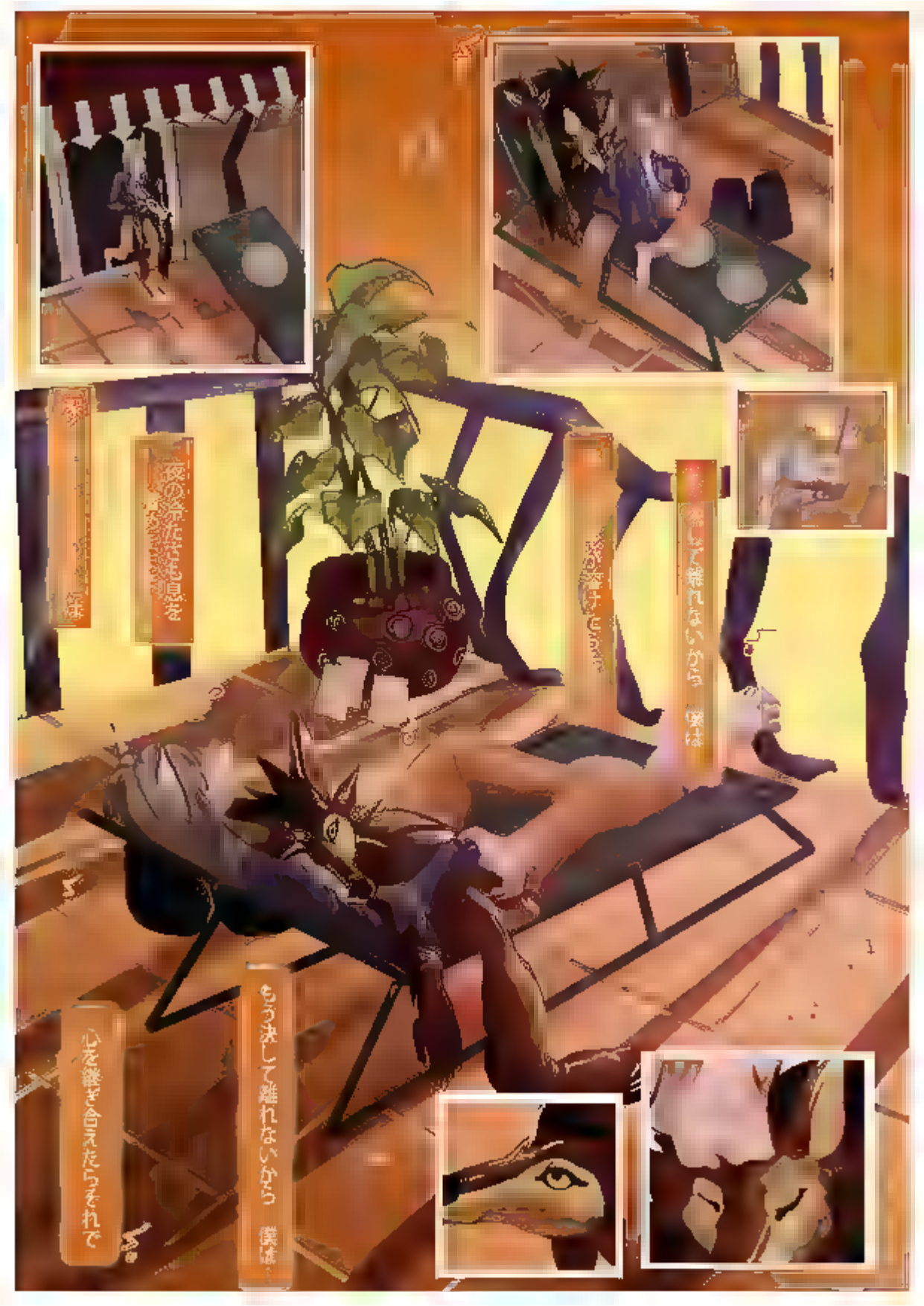
Or I am trying to remember.

But it doesn't make sense, since I do not know you.

You remember me because we just did the thing a while back so you wouldn't

Yeah, y'know

Wouldn't not do those things.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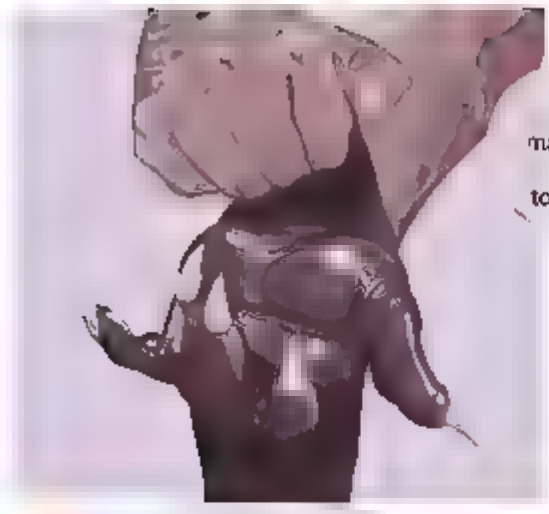
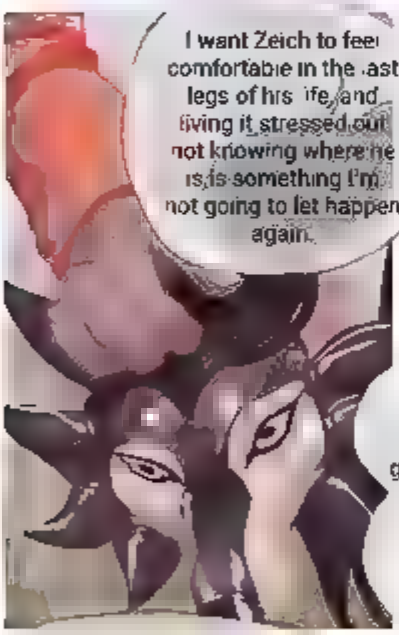
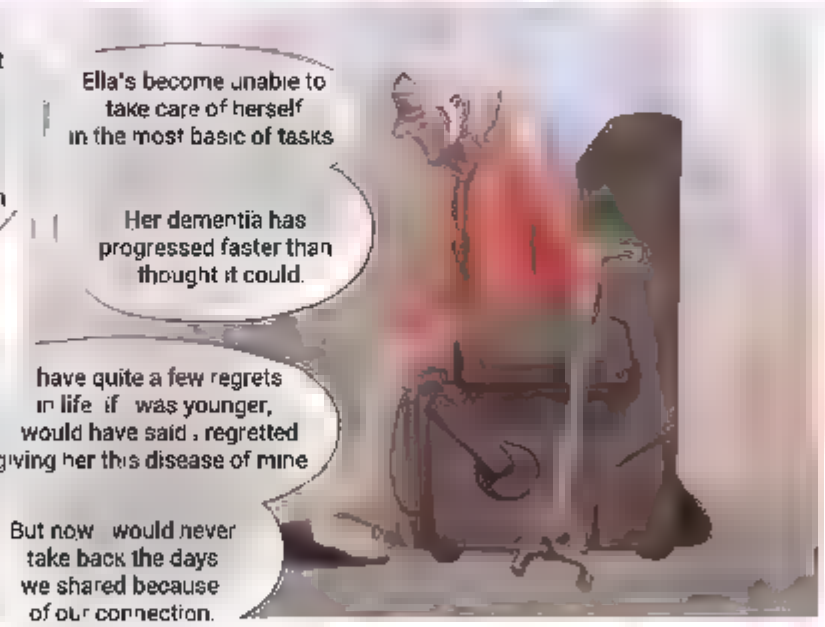
Age 83



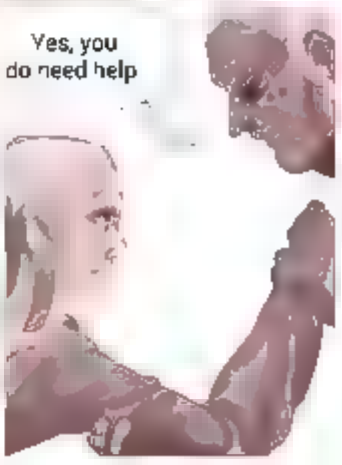
ve had to feed Zeich in order to maintain his memories, since Ella is unable to remember doing so


I want Zeich to feel comfortable in the last legs of his life, and living it stressed out not knowing where he is is something I'm not going to let happen again.


Ella's become unable to take care of herself in the most basic of tasks
Her dementia has progressed faster than thought it could.
have quite a few regrets in life if was younger, would have said regretted giving her this disease of mine
But now would never take back the days we shared because of our connection.

admitted her into a care home when she stopped being able to walk properly
She hated it at first, but don't think she s there mentally anymore.

No thanks, I got t.
Don't need. need


Yes, you do need help

A long time ago, she asked me to do something for her when she was on her death bed
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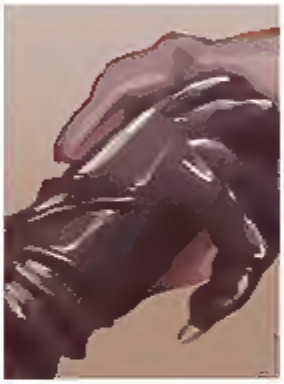

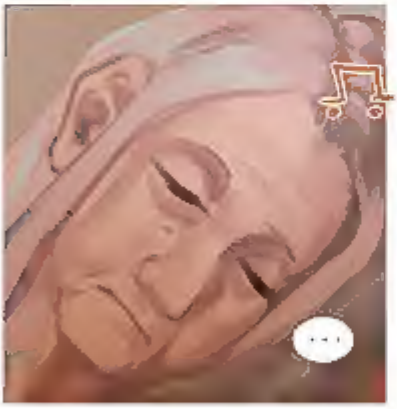

"It's time to leave..."

帰りぎわ

車の中で

"In the car, we share a gentle kiss."

そっとかわす口づけ

"It's a secret, isn't it?"

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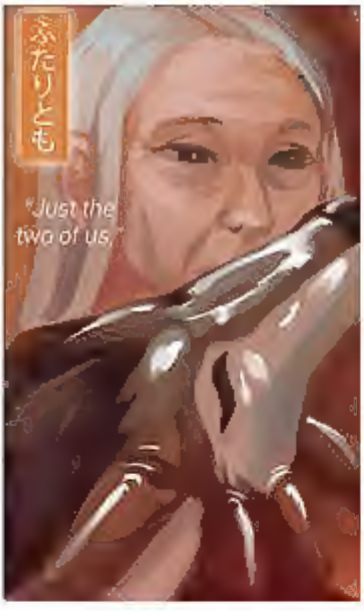

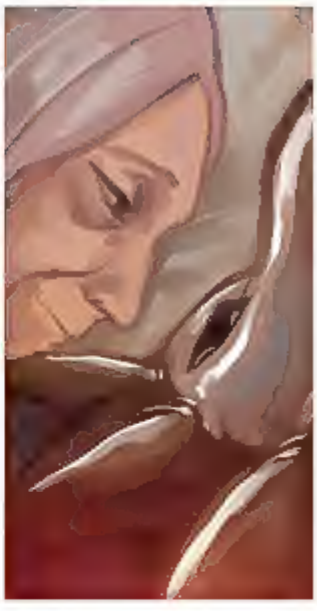

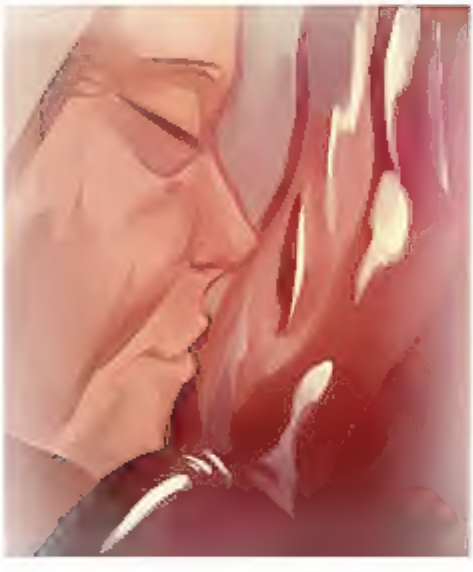

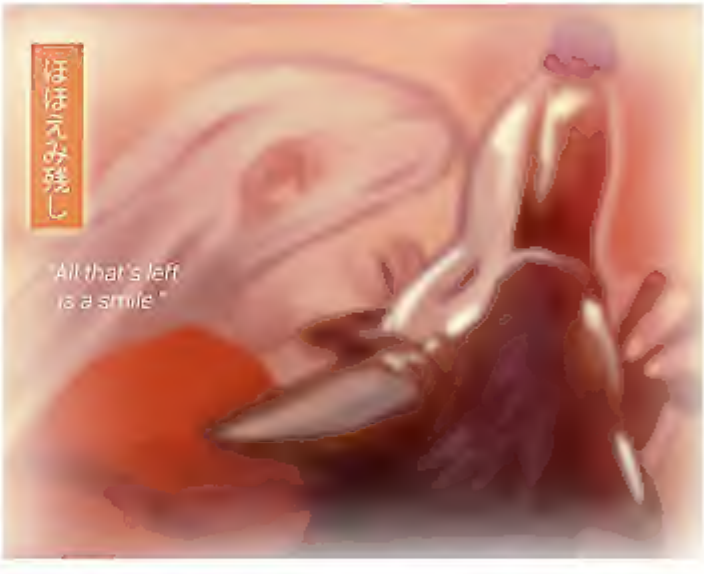

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"Goodnight."

去って行った

"We've moved on."